

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION**

OTIS BROOKS,	:	
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Petitioner	:	
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VS.	:	
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	NO. 5:01-CR-14 (HL)
	:	
Respondent	:	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>

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Before the Court is petitioner **OTIS BROOKS'** motion for a Certificate of Appealability ("COA"). Petitioner seeks to appeal the judgment of this Court denying his application for habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Under section 2253(c)(2), a COA may issue only if the applicant makes "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." This requires a petitioner to demonstrate that "reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." *See also Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 478 (2000).

For the reasons stated in Magistrate Judge's recommendation and this Court's order accepting the same, the Court finds reasonable jurists could not find that a dismissal of petitioner's claims was debatable or wrong. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that petitioner's application for a COA be **DENIED**.

**SO ORDERED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

s/ *Hugh Lawson*  
HUGH LAWSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE